Killing of the Aghasura Demon

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Note: I saw this play performed with a giant paper prop of the Aghasura demon which the children walked into the mouth closed and then they burst out. Narration should be acted out. Forest sounds tape should be played. The boys, wearing bright colored clothing, turbans, jewelry and garlands play leapfrog as they appear on stage.

Narrator: Once the Supreme Lord desired to go early in the morning with all His cowherd boy friends to the forest, where they were to assemble together and eat lunch. As soon as He got up from bed, Krsna blew His buffalo horn and called all of His friends together. Then, keeping the calves before them, the boys and Sri krsna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead , started for the forest. As Krsna and His friends passed through the forest, they began to sport and play just like ordinary boys.

1st Gopa: Hey, who took my lunch pack?!

2nd Gopa: I've got it over here. Try and get it back from me!

1st Gopa: I'll easily get it back from you!

3rd Gopa: Pass it over here! Pass it over here!

4th Gopa: Where has Krsna gone?

2nd Gopa: I see Him over there - Krsna's run to the top of the hill!

3rd Gopa: I'll run and touch Krsna!

1st Gopa: I'll touch Krsna first!

4th Gopa: No, you won't! I will!

Narrator: As the boys frolicked and played in the forest, they vibrated their buffalo horns and played on their flutes. Some of the boys went to the monkeys and sat down right next to them and silently imitated them, just to have some fun. Then they caught the tails of the monkeys and when the monkeys jumped up in the trees, the boys followed.

The boys played with the frogs on the bank of the Yamuna and when, out of fear, the frogs hopped in the water, the boys jumped in after them. They would also go the empty well and shout down loud noises and when the echo would come back they would call it ill names and laugh...

Some of them imitated the sounds of cuckoo birds and some of them tried to follow the exact course as the shadow of the birds as the birds flew in the sky.

Song:
(Cowherd boys)
Krsna Krsna let's all play - going to the forest
Sound upon our flutes and horns, keep the cows before us
With a stick, lunch bag too, we'll be happy seeing you -
Krsna, beautiful and blue, Hari Hari Bol!

Krsna Krsna now we're here, dancing all together
Decorate with leaves and twigs, clay and peacock feathers
Putting flowers in our hair, Krsna's pleasure is our care
Loving Him, we have no fear.
Hari Hari Bol!

Narrator: These cowherd boys were full of transcendental pleasure because they were associating with Krsna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, face to face and were playing with Him as their dearmost Friend. While Krsna was enjoying His childhood pastimes, one demon named Aghasura became very impatient.

Aghasura: Krsna has killed my brother Bakasura and my sister, Putana, and today I will kill Him. Thus, having nothing to live for, the residents of Vrndavan will also die! Ha! I call upon my mystic powers to expand my body bigger and bigger! A serpent, a huge and deadly serpent as hiiiiiigh as the sky and as lonnnnggg as a road. Bigger and bigger I will grow and crush Krsna and His friends between my teeth. Then I will chew them and swallow them and digest them! Yes! Ha ha ha! (Serpent prop appears.)

Song:
(Aghasura)
My name is Aghasura, I'm fat and round
My lip is in the sky, my jaw is on the ground
My wide open mouth is just like a cave

Soon it will be Krsna's grave.
From my mouth, a hot wind blows;
From my eyes, fire glows
Now I am waiting to swallow you
Please come in, dear Boy of Blue!

1st Gopa: What is this?

2nd Gopa: I think it's a statue!

1st Gopa: No, I think we should take a closer look at it.

2nd Gopa: Yes, let's move a little closer

3rd Gopa: This figure appears to be big, fat snake!

1st Gopa: Yes, you're right! It is a huge snake!

2nd Gopa: And he has stretched his mouth open wide so that we will enter!

4th Gopa: Just see, his mouth appears to be a big mountain cave.

1st Gopa: And that long highway is actually his tongue!

2nd Gopa: I cannot even guess how high his upper lip is! It appears to touch the clouds!

3rd Gopa: That fishy bad smell coming from his mouth is the smell of his intestines!

4th Gopa: Hmmm, if we all entered the snake's mouth at once, how would it be possible for him to swallow all of us?
And even if it did swallow all of us, it could not swallow Krsna!

1st Gopa: And Krsna would immediately kill it!
Just as he did Bakasura!

2nd Gopa: Yes, let's go inside!

3rd Gopa: That sounds like fun! Let's all go! Come on, let's all chant while we enter!

4th Gopa: Let's go in the big snake!

1st Gopa: Come on, let's go!
(They all enter into the snake's mouth.)

Song: (Cowherd boys)
Now he is waiting to swallow us all
But Krsna will kill him like Bakasura
Krsna will save us, Krsna will save us, Krsna will save us
Krsna, Krsna, Oh Krsna.

Aghasura: Everyone has entered my mouth except Krsna! He's the one who killed my brother and sister. I will wait for Him!!

Krsna: This great figure is a demon! How should I save My beloved friends. How wonderful My external material energy works! I will enter into the serpent's mouth and kill him! (Krsna enters the mouth of Aghasura.)

Narrator: The demigods had gathered to see Krsna's forest pastimes but when Krsna entered into Aghasura's mouth, they became frightened and cried out :

Demigods: Alas! Alas! Krsna's been swallowed by the demon!

Narrator: At the same time, all the friends of Aghasura, who were accustomed to eating flesh and blood, began to express their happiness:

Demons: Ah ha ha! Our friend Aghasura has swallowed Krsna! Ha ha!

Narrator: Krsna began to expand His body within the throat of the demon. Although Aghasura had an enormous body, the demon choked by the expansion of Krsna. His big eyes moved violently and he quickly suffocated and died. Krsna glanced over the boys and calves and brought them back to life. Then they all came out of the mouth of Aghasura.

The demigods became overwhelmed with joy and began to shower flowers on Krsna. The denizens of the heavenly planets offered prayers, beat drums, and danced in great happiness.

Demigods: Jaya! All Glories to the Supreme Personality of Godhead!!

Narrator: Even Lord Brahma, the first created being within the

universe, was stuck with wonder at the uncommon pastimes of Krsna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead!